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THEY ARE NOW adulterating soap with poisonous materials. The tramps have got at last a plausible excuse for allowing the barnacles to grow.

OHIO IS trying to resume her old place at the head of the nations of the world. She has two lady candidates for honors at the hands of the next Legislature.

THINGS WILL GO TOO FAST out West. Getting ahead of time they have got into winter in Washington Territory, where amid snow and ice the apples hang frozen on the trees.

HEAVY MARCHES, hard fighting and fractional rations, with occasional entire starvation, are reported privately from the French army as the ample explanation for the terrible losses suffered in Tunis.

IF QUEEN VICTORIA should pursue the proposed plan of creating a hereditary aristocracy in Australia by a selection from among the wealthiest colonists, it is probable some of the non-selected will bolt the cause.

AS ACCONS and other toothsome dainties are scarce in the mountains of Virginia, the bears are wandering down into the valleys. Poor bruin is, however, not lucky as a tourist; he is too often welcomed with bloody hands to a hospitable grave.

THE CZAR has done a sensible as well as a humane action by ordering that seventeens of his extra imperial palaces and castles shall be converted into institutions for the education of the poor, instead of standing in empty uselessness, ready for a semi-occasional royal visit.

THESE IN DANGER AHEAD. Fashion has, with unusual good sense, provided big bonnets for big women and little bonnets for little women, but it won't stay fixed that way when it comes to actual experience. The big women will wear the little bonnets, and the little women will be lost in the big ones.

POLITICS are pure and disinterested, so to speak. The campaign in Virginia introduces us to quite a lot of New York gentlemen in low-cut vests who want to see the cause of repudiation succeed. If these same gentlemen held any of the bonds there might be a difference in the feeling and the vests might be cut higher.

AN EXCHANGE says that the President has two policemen on guard at his residence in Washington to make the canks move on. The idea seems to be that somebody may try a shot at him. It might be just as well to add that shooting at Presidents is not a rule in this country, and that Mr. Arthur can go about his business without any fear of interruption. It might be proper to add that we don't believe he ever expressed any fear.

OUR FRIEND Bismarck is having some trouble in muzzling all the men who think in Germany. Professor Rudolph Virchow, the eminent scholar and statesman, has broken out of the traces. "Never before," said he recently to his constituents, "have so many lies been told in Germany; never before have the lower passions been stirred so thoroughly and systematically; never before has the covetousness of the masses been raised to such a pitch by illusive promises." The professor seems to be in a fair way to prove an annoyance, if he keeps it up.

The Courier-Journal puts it this way: "It is a curious state of things, Stitham is not mentioned because he is a Democrat; not at all. Giving office to Democrats is not a part of the Republican scheme of reform. Stitham is a庚entlemen-Democrat, and the explanation of his silence is to be found in the first part of his double-headed name. He is a supporter of Mahone, and the Administration is supporting him in Virginia with a repudiation ticket. But is this civil-service reform? Is it not the very opposite? Clearly, Stitham is to be appointed to a high office, not as a reward for political service," as a reward for supporting Mahone; and Wilson is to be turned out for not supporting Mahone. But Wilson is to be turned out for giving Mahone control of the Federal patronage in Virginia and giving Conkling control of it in New York?

None that we can see. Repudiation may take well in small country towns, but we venture to remark that somebody's Ebenezer will rise when you try to apply the same rural logic to places that are inhabited with thinking people of capital.

IF HISTORY is correct, the late unpleasantness began at Charleston, and Fort Sumter was the point of difference. There has been some talk lately about Confederate bonds and their market demand. No complaint can be made if the holders of these same bonds allow themselves to be bought up, but the following from the Charleston News and Courier will be read with interest by all desiring to make fortunes and retire on Confederate bonds. Here it is: "When Bismarck was asked by Alexander of Battenberg whether he would advise him to accept the crown of the newly-constructed principality of Bulgaria, the sole answer was, 'It will be an agreeable reminiscence for you.' The buyers of Confederate bonds can look forward to a similar gratification. There is not the remotest chance that these bonds will ever be paid in whole or in part. The Constitution of the United States forbids it, and public sentiment is opposed to it. It may as well be understood, once for all, that the people of the States which formed the Southern Confederacy neither expect nor desire the payment of the Confederate debt. They did not wait it when the bonds were owned in the South. They will resist it actively whenever the claim for payment is made by a body of foreigners who are speculating in the good feeling existing between the United States and England. It is really too ridiculous a subject for serious discussion; but we consider it sure that the Southern States would veto the payment of the debt, even if the Northern States were willing that it should be liquidated."

A Rival for Childs.

The Baltimore Sun's obituary poetry is not much behind that of the Philadelphia Ledger, and somebody writes on the death of little Willie: "Kiss me, mother, ere I leave you; Kiss your darling child once more; And kiss me again, for I am going to that bright and shining shore." The author does not sign any name to this effusion, but it is used, but the lines are original. "By the way, the editor of the Sun does not explain this, but he doesn't, and the public is left to make its conjectures. At this distance it looks as if something should be done to protect the obituary poets of Baltimore from the ravages of conscientious mourners.

The Size of It.

Courier-Journal. A very small number, comparatively, of the property owners and tax-payers of Virginia are found in Mahone's repudiation army. The majority largely, if not entirely, hold no property, and do not even want to pay a poll-tax for the support of the State government, are Mahone's followers.

Mr. Voorhees' Consistency.

Minneapolis Sentinel. Senator Voorhees, "the Tall," says the party of the Democratic, must abandon the old doctrine of a tariff for revenue only. It has abandoned every other doctrine it ever held, and will be only consistent in abandoning this also.

They Were Not Turned Down.

Washington Special. At the dinner given by Postmaster General Davis at the Arlington, to the President, the Cabinet and their wives, Senator Jones, of Nevada, and President pro tem. Davis, there were seven wine glasses at each plate, and none of them were drunk.

How We Use Them.

Exchange. Johnson draws over \$2,000 a year for his place in the United States Treasury, general on the retired list. He is not so cruelly cruel to deprive him of this stipend by electing him governor of Minnesota. We haven't the heart to do it.

Uncle Sammy's Eccentricities.

Baltimore Express. One of your Uncle Sammy's little peculiarities is having a new pair of pants to go with every new pair of shoes. He is thus saving a good deal of bother with buttons. What a husband he would make.

They All Do It.

Courier-Journal. Lord Algehorn St. Maur has advertised that he will not be responsible for the debts of any man, "whether he may be or not." So long before Lord Algehorn will be sending in a "transient" something like this: Wanted—One-fatted calf.

Fixing His Status.

David Davis may not be mathetic. He may not be Florentine of the fourteenth century. He may not be the Fra Angelico. He may not even be pre-Raphaelite. But he is—it cannot be denied—too, too all-but.

But It Counts.

St. Paul Dispatch. Gen. Johnson is a patient man. He does not mind being at hearing himself beaten at his own speech every night. But then, what the girl said, it is a very little one.

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